

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MINUTES
MARCH 12 & 13, 2013**

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 12 and 13, 2013 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After Articles 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2012 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Article 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) # 1-4 passed and #5 failed. Moderator Deachman announced the Pemi-Baker District results.

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor moved that we dispense with the reading of the Warrant in its entirety and seconded by Martha Richards.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Selectmen for 3 Years: (Vote for two)

Shelagh Connelly	153
Sam Brickley	155
Write-in Scott Bishop	1

Selectmen for 1 Year: (Vote for one)

Peter Webster	153
Write-in Peter Francesco	1
Write-in Chris Devine	1

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

Brinton W. Woodward, Jr.	157
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Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for one)

Ross Deachman	153
Tink Taylor	1

Library Trustees for 3 Years: (Vote for two)

Kathleen Wieliczko	152
Tom Stepp	152
Write-in Ross Deachman	1

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

Earl Hansen	159
Write-in Tink Taylor	1

Article 2: 2013 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

1. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Section 575 Cell Towers to provide regulations governing the siting, construction, and maintenance of telecommunication facilities ?”

Yes 145 No 19

2. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Section 500.9 Performance Security to reference the Performance Security language for construction on Steep Slopes ?”

Yes 126 No 38

3. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 400.21 Special Events Permit to clarify the process and reasons for obtaining a permit ?”

Yes 135 No 31

4. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add definitions for terms in the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations not currently in the Zoning Ordinance to maintain consistency between the documents ?”

Yes 143 No 23

5. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment no. 5 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Section 400.24 Fences for Shooting Ranges to provide regulations for fencing shooting ranges? “ The Planning Board does not recommend adoption of this amendment.

Yes 64 No 100

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for two)

<i>Kelly L. Schwaner</i>	<i>111</i>
<i>James L. Stapp</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Brian Sutherland</i>	<i>97</i>
<i>Write-in Richard Cocchiaro</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Write-in Lewis Mello</i>	<i>1</i>

School District Clerk for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

<i>Sara Weinberg</i>	<i>147</i>
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**HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
ELECTION RESULTS**

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

From Holderness

Samuel D. Brickley 160

Write-in Margaret Winton 1

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

From Plymouth

Timothy M. Naro 126

Write-in Bill Haust 1

Write-in Ed Kelly 1

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

From Thornton

Walter G. Joyce 133

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

From Wentworth

Susan Judd 120

**HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT-WARRANT ARTICLES**

Article 1: *To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the Board may determine advisable for students inside outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District.*

The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 153

No 11

Article 2: *To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 147 No 19

Article 3: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to replace a section of roof on the high school building. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 143 No 22

Article 4: *To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2013-2014 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 141 No 24

Article 5: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for architectural and engineering services to prepare for a renovation of the existing CTE center (vocational wing) of the high school building. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 127 No 39

Article 6: *To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2013-2014	\$97,799.00
2014-2015	\$95,436.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-seven thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$97,799.00) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Yes 121

No 44

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reach between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Education Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
2013-2014	\$33,778.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$33,778.00) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Yes 121

No 43

Article 8: To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling twelve million three hundred seventy-nine thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$12,379,165).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million four hundred thirteen thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$12,413,537), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 140

No 26

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Alden Vansickle.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Two Million One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,190,950) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Bob Tuveson.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$369,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$40,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	2,000
Municipal Buildings	30,000
Revaluation	35,000
Library	5,000
Fire Equipment	5,000
Public Works Vehicles	45,000
Police Cruiser	24,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	17,000
Conservation	5,000
Abatement Legal Defense Fund	<u>10,000</u>
	\$369,000

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Martha Richards.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$253,500) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Revaluation	54,500
Police Cruiser	32,000
Employee Health Ins. Ded.	<u>17,000</u>
Total:	\$ 253,500

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Barbara Currier.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$413,000.00) for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck and to authorize the Select Board to issue notes on the credit of the town in the amount of Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000.00, to withdraw up to One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) from the previously established Fire/Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Account and to use One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13. 2/3 vote required. Ballot vote required.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.

Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin, in response to questions, stated the Pumper fire truck is a Pierce Saber Pumper and has a 1000 gallons water tank with a 6 person cab. She also clarified that the proposed truck will replace the 23 year old truck, which will be sold.

The polls opened for a secret ballot at 7:40 pm and closed 7:52 pm. A ballot vote was taken on the Article: 85 votes in favor and 8 votes against and the Article **PASSED by 2/3 vote**.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) for the purchase of a new Highway Department dump truck and to authorize the Select Board to withdraw up to Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Public Works Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The balance of Eighty-Five Thousand (\$85,000.00) to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to establish the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software for all town departments excluding the library and to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and further to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund without further approval of the legislative body.

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Martha Richards.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Library Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software for the Town Library and to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and further to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund without further approval of the legislative body.

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Daniel Rossner.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for improvements to the Town Offices including painting and new carpeting. Amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/13.

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Anne Hunnewell.

Town Administrator Walter Johnson, in answer to a question, stated that the interior lower level of Town Hall will be painted. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the installation of a backup power generator for the Town Hall and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept a EMPG grant for up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) and the balance to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.

Moved by Barbara Currier and seconded by Alden “Skip” Vansickle.

Select Board member Shelagh Connelly explained that recently discovered the fuel tank for the generator was not included in the purchase price of the generator. Ms. Connelly stated the cost of the tank is \$ 3,000 and that 50 % percent of the expenditure will be covered by a grant leaving \$ 1,500 to be expended from the fund balance , which will not affect the tax rate. Select Board member Connelly made a motion to amend the article, “to see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate the sum of \$ 15,000 instead of \$ 12,000 and to accept the EMPG grant for up to \$ 7,500 instead of \$ 6,000.00” seconded by Harold Webster. Moderator Deachman explained that the article was originally written \$ 12,000 but will increase to \$ 15,000 if the amendment is passed. Select Board member Shelagh Connelly explained that the fund balance has sufficient funds for the 50% portion but permission is needed by Town Meeting to expend from the fund balance. A voice vote was taken and the **amendment Passed**. The main motion as amended, *“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the installation of a backup power generator for the Town Hall and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept a EMPG grant for up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) and the balance to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.”*

Select Board member Peter Webster, in answer to a question, stated the fund balance is \$ 1,024,000. The Board of Selectmen tries to keep the reserve fund balance at \$ 600,000 or \$ 700,000 in the event the Town becomes a donor Town and to avoid raising the tax rate for the upcoming expense for replacement of the Fire truck. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED as amended.**

At 7:50 p.m., Moderator Ross Deachman declared the polls closed and announced the results of Article 7.

Article 13: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell at the highest and best price obtainable the Towns 1990 Mack Fire Truck currently known as Engine 3 and the highway departments 2004 Peterbilt dump truck. This article to be amended or passed over if Article 7 and/or Article 8 fail to pass.

Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton.

Town Administrator, Walter Johnson in answer to a question, explained that town meeting has restricted the sale of any capital item valued over \$ 20,000 and requires town meeting approval to sell any asset valued over \$ 20,000. He stated that if either the fire truck or highway truck could be sold for over \$ 20,000 it would need approval from town meeting, but he didn’t anticipate that the old police cruiser would sell for \$ 20,000. He stated that the town will receive some money for the cruise.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to name the Select Board agents to expend funds from the previously established Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust fund without further approval of the legislative body.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Anne Hunnewell.

Selectman Peter Webster explained that this article allows the Select Board to pay bills from the Expendable Trust fund without having to go for town meeting approval. A voice vote was taken and the **Article PASSED.**

The Moderator stated that the Holderness Library is seeking input from the community for a purposed project, please fill out the survey.

The Moderator complimented Amy Sharpe, Town Administrative Assistant, for a great job for the work she done on the 2012 Town Report.

Moderator Deachman asked for a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year of 2012 and include Milton Huckins who recently passed away.

Article 15: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator recognized Alden”Skip” Vansickle. Mr. Vansickle recognized and thanked the Holderness Police Department for their excellent service through the years. He thanked the Holderness Fire Department for their service and how through the years the number of calls has dramatically increased. He recognized and thanked Ross Deachman for his years of service as Moderator and for doing an excellent job.

The Moderator addressed a letter received from Kelly Ayotte, U.S. Senator in respect to “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” that was proclaimed by NH Legislators for March 30, 2013. There will be a ceremony on that date at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen as it marks the 40th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War. This ceremony will acknowledge the contribution of all veterans, while giving a special recognition to the Vietnam veterans as they didn’t receive the proper welcome after the war.

Earl Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Barbara Currier. Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
Holderness
Town Clerk